CRONOS HAZE
クロノスヘイズ
YOUNG MAN...
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?
FACING THE WORLD'S GREATEST ENEMY... A NEW ARC BEGINS!
HUH?
MASAYUKI TAKANO PRESENTS
EPISODE 18:
"DR. WHEELER"

TOUYA'S PROVEN HE HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE AN AGENT. WHAT IS HIS MISSION?

H-HUH...A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE, LIKE MOST YOUNG MEN WOULD GIVE
I GUESS... TO HAVE CHILDREN? LIKE, TO PASS ON OUR GENES?
UHH...
REPRO-DUCE...
I...I GUESS...?
WOULD THAT MEAN YOUR LIFE WAS MEANING-LESS? WORTH ABSOLUTELY NOTHING?
SO IF YOU WERE TO DIE WITHOUT MANAGING TO REPRO-DUCE,
FLINCH
REPRO-DUCTION.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY WITH ME?
JUDGING BY YOUR RESPONSE,
I TAKE IT YOU'VE NOT YET PERFORMED THE ACT OF REPRODUCTION.
DR. WHEELER.

PLEASE STOP TEASING MY AGENTS.
UH OH, THE SCARY KIDS ARE BACK.
S-SAEKI-SENPAI!

R-RIGHT!
I'M SORRY!
AND NARUYUKI, WIPE THE DROOL OFF YOUR MOUTH AND AT LEAST TRY TO RESIST
YOU'RE ON A MISSION, REMEMBER?
WE LEAVE IN 10 MINUTES, AS PLANNED
ARE YOU READY, DR. WHEELER?
READY WHEN YOU ARE.
. . I PRESUME SHE HASN'T TRIED THE ACT OF REPRODUCTION YET EITHER.
PUFF
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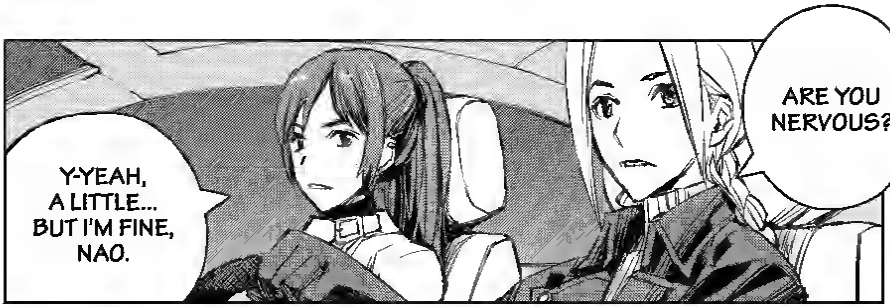
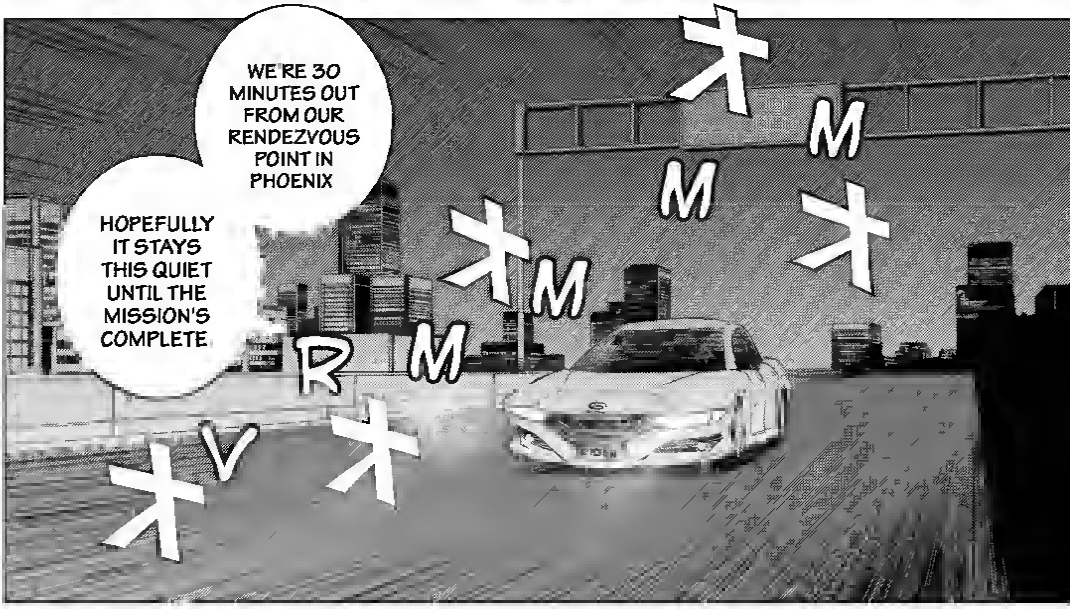
SURE, IT'S A ROUTINE ESCORT MISSION THAT SHOULDN'T PRESENT MUCH DIFFICULTY.
I SAY NO.
THEREFORE, THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY SERIOUS INTERFER-ENCE
ACCORDING REPORTS FROM AIS, THERE'S NO EVIDENCE SUGGESTING GIGANTES IS AWARE OF DR. WHEELER'S ARRIVAL
BUT DR. WHEELER'S A COMPLETE X-FACTOR.
IF WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THEM OFF, WE CAN'T AFFORD EVEN THE SLIGHTEST FLAW IN OUR SECURITY DETAIL

LOOK, I UNDERSTAND YOU DON'T COMPLETELY TRUST US, BUT TRY TO CHECK YOUR EMOTIONS AT THE DOOR, OKAY?
RIGHT... ACCORDING TO AIS.
YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WE'RE SHORT ON AGENTS.
...VERY WELL. THE THREE OF US WILL CARRY OUT THE MISSION.
YUUKI.


ARE YOU NERVOUS?
Y-YEAH, A LITTLE... BUT I'M FINE, NAO.

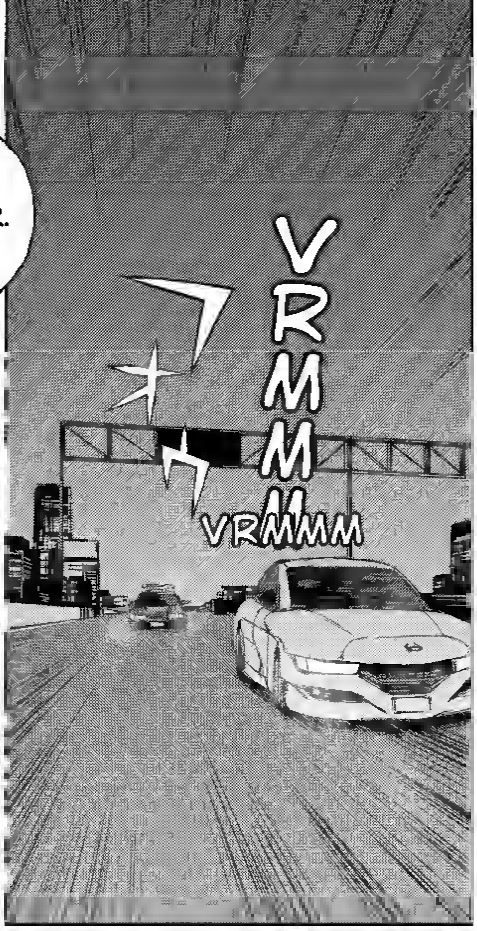

WE'RE 30 MINUTES OUT FROM OUR RENDEZVOUS POINT IN PHOENIX
HOPEFULLY IT STAYS THIS QUIET UNTIL THE MISSION'S COMPLETE

YOUR NAME'S TOUYA-KUN, RIGHT?

PSST.

HOW COME YOU'RE NOT MORE EXCITED ABOUT BEING THE ONLY BOY AMONG ALL THESE PRETTY LADIES?
OH, SHE'S AN AGENT TOO?
THEY'RE SO YOUNG.
THERE'S ONE MORE INSIDE, DOCTOR.
HMPH... I CAN'T TELL IF I'M GETTING THE VIP TREATMENT OR NOT.
THIS IS THEIR FIRST MISSION, BY THE WAY.
YUP. NARUYUKI THERE IS 15...
SUZUMIYA UP HERE IS 17, SAME AS ME.
THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR. I'M A VETERAN.

COP CAR.
HUH?


VRMM
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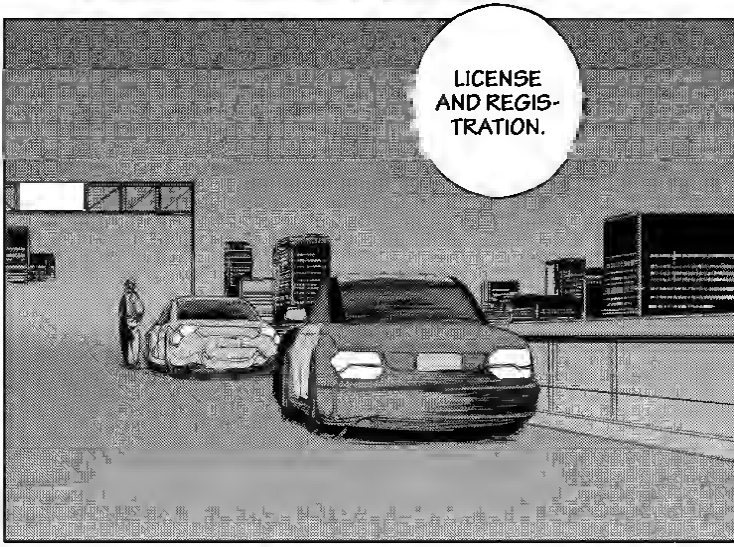
STAY CALM AND LEAVE EVERY-THING TO ME


LICENSE AND REGIS-TRATION.

AUNT?
...
I'M TAKING MY AUNT BACK TO PHOENIX.
WHERE'RE YOU HEADED?
STEP OUT OF THE VEHICLE.
YOU THERE, IN THE BACK.
HUH?
WHUNK
GRAB
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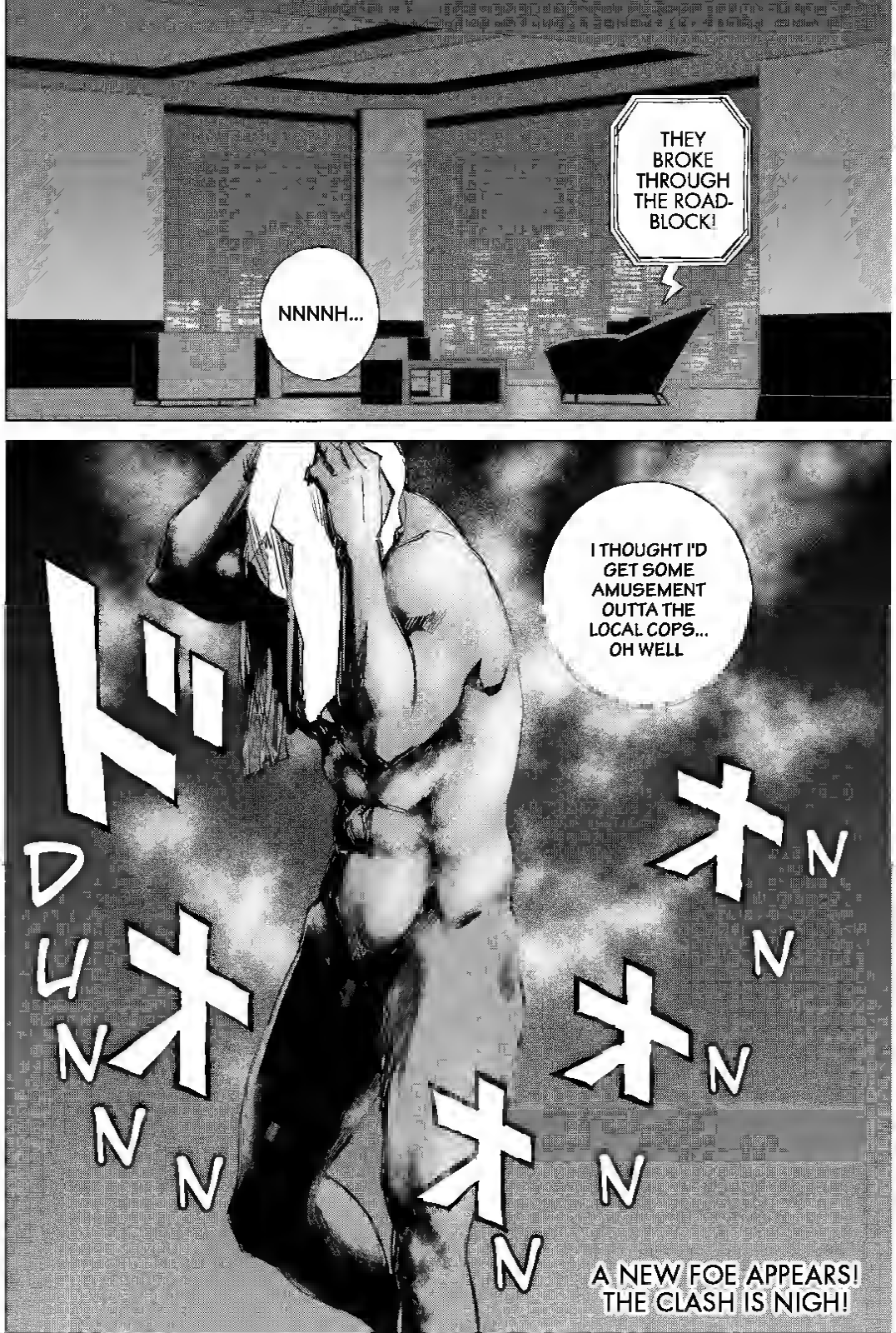
WH-
WHY-
OUR COVER'S BLOWN.
SKREECH
WE'RE SHIFTING TO PLAN B.
COPY THAT.
THE COP WAS PROBABLY JUST A COP.
GIGANTES?!

STOP THE CAR!
NAO, THEY SET UP A ROAD-BLOCK!
TAKE THE WHEEL.
HUH?!
CLIMB
A-ALL RIGHT!
I'LL CLEAR A PATH, KEEP US STRAIGHT.

THEY'RE COMING HEAD-ON!
GET CLUB 4!
POLICE
VR
MMMM
DON'T OVERDO IT.
ROGER

I'LL SHOOT AT THE VERY FRONT AND SLOW THEM DOWN–
BZZZZ
CRAA
ASH


THEY BROKE THROUGH THE ROAD-BLOCK!
NNNNH...
I THOUGHT I'D GET SOME AMUSEMENT OUTTA THE LOCAL COPS... OH WELL
DUN
A NEW FOE APPEARS! THE CLASH IS NIGH!